(b) So far no Central assistance has been sanctioned for Punjab State for reclamation of ravinous land.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Promotion of Deputy Manager of NCCF involved in import of dates

3227. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 857 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the officers (concerned Deputy Manager and others) involved in the case which has been referred to the CBI for investigation has been placed under suspension as has been done in other cases in NCCF sent to the CBI to avoid tampering of records or influencing the witnesses;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the concerned Deputy Manager is being promoted as Manager by the outgoing Managing Director; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The sub-Committee of the Board of Directors who enquired into the matter has not found any officer of the level of Deputy Manager, *prima facie*, guilty of being involved in this case.

(c) No, Sir. The Deputy Managers in the NCCF have been allowed to exercise the powers of Manager purely as an administrative arrangement for administrative expendiency and business interest.

(d) Does not arise.

Promotion of Deputy Manager of NCCF involved in import of lentills

3228. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 858 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the concerned Deputy manager against whom C.B.I. investigation is going on for initiating delayed Arbitration proceeedings for the recovery of trading loss of Rs. 28 lakhs from the foreign supplier has been placed under suspension as has been done in other CBI cases in the NCCF to avoid tampering of records or influencing the witnesses;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the concerned Deputy Manager is being promoted as Manager by the outgoing Managing Director; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) and (b) It has been stated by the NCCF, that the Deputy Manager has not been found, *prima facie*, guilty in delaying the arbitration proceedings and hence the question of his suspension does not arise at this stage.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Deputy Managers in the NCCF have been allowed to exercise the powers of Managers purely as an administrative arrangement for administrative expe diency and in business interest.

Failure of Operation Flood Programme

3229. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk production programme under Operation Flood I and II has totally failed